



**MIGREAT**

# YEAR PLAN - 2022

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## **Practical info**

Name: Stichting MiGreat

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Activities: SBI-code: 94997, overige belangenbehartiging

Activities according to statutes:

- Promoting the human rights of migrants, including refugees.
- Promoting safe migration; providing emergency and development assistance to migrants, including refugees.
- Providing information about migration.

## **Board members**

Roos Ykema: chair

Hannah Friedrich: treasurer

Sofie Croonenberg: secretary

## **Vision**

A world where the place you are born decides the life you will lead is an unjust world. When migration becomes a possibility for people from the global South, it can become an indispensable force in the fight for racial justice and global equality. It can give people the opportunity to increase their income staggeringly, develop new skills and support their communities at home. We want to work towards a world where migration is not a privilege, but a right.

## **Mission**

MiGreat believes people need to be able to move. Our mission is to challenge the right to exclude and create opportunities for migration, especially from the global South towards the EU. We campaign against the brutal border regime, which is ineffective, harmful and deadly. Alongside campaigning for regular migration opportunities and against violent border policies, we support refugees and migrants transiting towards the EU who are left to fend for themselves.

Borders have become a tool to exclude and segregate based on nationality, skin colour and religion. Predominantly white, rich countries systematically violate human rights in order to keep 'unwanted' people out, or to keep the 'unwanted people' that are in undocumented. Our job is to expose the abuses that happen on EU borders, mobilise activists to demand justice and provide meaningful alternatives to anti migration policies.

We have three core goals that are the basis of all our projects and campaigns:

1. Legalise migration opportunities for refugees and economic migrants;
2. Stop deterrence policies, designed to damage and discourage (prospective) migrants;
3. Provide humanitarian aid to people on the move in or on their way to Europe

## **Planned projects**

### **Support in the Balkans**

In 2022, we aim to continue to support LOGS in Timișoara, Romania and Rahma in Velika Kladuša, Bosnia and Herzegovina. We support LOGS with recruiting medical and allround volunteers, covering the cost for a volunteer house and covering medical supplies. We support Rahma financially, our donations are used to buy food, clothes, blankets and other emergency supplies. For 2022, we hope to raise sufficient funds to keep on supporting both organisations. If other small grassroots organisations in the Balkans are in need of financial or other support, we will consider this, if the organisation focuses on people outside of camps and on emergency needs. We also have a budget that can be sent to LOGS, Rahma or other local groups in case of emergencies such as extreme cold or large influxes. To support more groups and contribute more, we will look for funds that can support us.

### **Protests**

In 2021, we started to build up a Europe wide network as well as in the Netherlands. We want to continue organising actions in a way that allows people from across Europe to join, and to enlarge our network of activists. This network can be used to organise protests and actions that increase awareness of death, violence and other human rights violations on EU borders, as well as to advocate for safe, legal migration opportunities and to challenge the right to exclude. The following protests are planned for 2022:

- Municipal elections in the Netherlands: local activists will be asked to organise a demonstration and ask local politicians to sign a manifesto, committing themselves to advocate for humane migration policies
- The European People's Party, a collaboration of christian democratic political parties and the biggest bloc in the EU, will have a congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in spring - if Covid restrictions permit. We will organise an action called 'Love thy neighbour' and target all the politicians (including many prime ministers of EU border countries).
- 44.000 NAMES: in June, there will be an update List of Deaths. We will continue to make monuments for the deceased and create memorials for the people who died on EU borders on attention-drawing places. The monuments could visit festivals and cities alike, to commemorate those

who lost their lives and increase support for border policies that are not deadly.

- Pushbacks: no concrete plans yet, but the practice of pushbacks, often accompanied by robbery, violence, inhumane or degrading treatment, torture and risks to life begs for an EU wide campaign. Demonstrations as well as actions that can expose pushbacks to a wider audience are possible strategies to increase pressure on states
- Ad hoc demonstrations: in reaction to emergencies, we can organise demonstrations more spontaneously to respond to crises, as we did in recent years with the fire in Moria camp, and the escalation of violence and neglect on the Polish-Belarussian border

### **Lobby**

We will more actively engage with politicians, both on a regional, national and EU level, to inform them of human rights violations and to provide them with examples on how to improve human rights protection and how to increase access to safe and regular migration opportunities. We will also actively engage people who join actions in this, for example with petitions and calls to send emails to politicians.

### **Reach**

We will keep on sharing stories from the EU borders and calls to actions on social media. The goal is to increase our reach on socials, but also to avoid becoming too dependent on their algorithms. Therefore, we will also write a newsletter more or less once a month and update our website regularly. Through actions, we reach a lot of media, especially on the local and national level. For 2022, we hope to reach more international media, too. But the most important thing remains the 'real' action: people organising or visiting demonstrations and actively fighting for justice. We built up a network of around 100 activists across Europe who join actions, and hope this will grow in the coming year to at least 200 activists.

### **Staff**

We aim to stay a volunteer-based organisation in 2022. However, we would like to increase the group of people who are active within MiGreat. For example, we could hire interns or look for volunteers who could do anything from making photos and videos to accounting to campaign development. We will get in touch

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with education facilities that look for internship positions, and will organise online meet-ups for potential volunteers who are interested in joining.

## Financial plan

For the year 2022 MiGreat aims to continue supporting grassroots groups in Bosnia and Romania, possibly also in other places. We aim to continue to support LOGS with €650 a month and Rahma with €500 a month. This will be done with newly raised funds, as well as with the funds remaining from 2021. Fundraising mostly targets private donors and is done through social media, media and actions. When opportunities to apply for funds from other foundations or organisations occur, applications will be made. In summer, an evaluation will be made about the winter support and an assessment will be made as to which organisations will be supported in Bosnia and Romania for the coming year. Fund applications and calls for donations will be made accordingly. There is also an emergency budget available for the organisations, which has been used in the past for medical emergencies, purchase of sleeping bags to prepare for a sudden drop in temperature, etc.

For protests, budgets are reserved for Love thy Neighbour (planned in spring 2022), a follow-up for 44.000 NAMES on festivals and in cities (spring / summer 2022) and the municipal elections in the Netherlands in March. Also, there's a budget for demonstrations that are not planned yet. As was done in the past years, we will apply for funds from organisations such as WijDoenMee, Vluchtelingenwerk en XY Actiefonds to finance demonstrations.

We also reserved money for the website, bank cost and other running costs. MiGreat does not plan to pay any salaries or buy property in 2022. We are looking out for a cheap office space to rent, but will only do so if the costs will be no more than 20% of the total budget.

Income projected		Expenses projected	
Remainings funds	€13.829,45	LOGS Romania	€10.000,-
Fundraiser Bosnia / Romania	€5.000	Rahma Bosnia	€6.000,-
		Emergency fund Balkans	€2.000,-

		MiGreat municipality elections	€1.500,-
Fundraiser advocacy / protests	€5.000	Love thy Neighbour	€2.000,-
Fundraiser other	€5.000	44.000 NAMES	€1.500,-
		Other actions	€2.000,-
		Running costs	€500,-
<b>Total</b>	<b>€28.829,45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€25.500,-</b>
		Remaining	€3.329,45